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SUBJECT: REPORTED TRANSFER OF PATROL BOATS FROM NORTH KOREA TO
GUYANA

REF: GEORGETOWN 1375 (NOTAL)

1. VENEZUELAN MILITARY ATTACHE (ONLY MILITARY ATTACHE
ACCREDITED IN GUYANA) TOLD EMBOFF MAY 5 THAT THE NORTH
KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE GUYANA WITH NINE
OR TEN PATROL BOATS. TWO OF THE PATROL BOATS ARE CON-
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FIGURED TO CARRY MISSILES.

2. WHEN EMBOFF QUESTIONED ACCURACY OF SOURCE AND NUMBER
OF BOATS, ATTACHE ADMITTED NUMBER APPEARED EXCESSIVE FOR
GUYANESE NEEDS BUT CHARACTERIZED HIS SOURCE AS USUALLY
RELIABLE. ATTACHE ALSO COMMENTED THAT SURINAM HAS
NINE PATROL BOATS AND THE GUYANESE WOULD WANT TO AT

LEAST MATCH THAT NUMBER. (LATEST NATIONAL BASIC INTELLIGENCE FACTBOOK CREDITS SURINAM WITH ONLY EIGHT PATROL BOATS, THREE OF WHICH ARE RIVER PATROL CRAFT.)

3. COMMENT: POST HAS HEARD OTHER RUMORS TO THE EFFECT THAT PRIMIN BURNHAM WOULD CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF GUNBOATS DURING HIS LATE APRIL VISIT TO PYONGYANG. PREVIOUS RUMORS HOWEVER SPOKE OF NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE GUNBOATS. GIVEN THE CREW TRAINING AND LOGISTICS INVOLVED, IT WILL BE SOMETIME BEFORE GUYANA CAN MAN AND OPERATE AS MANY AS NINE PATROL BOATS ASSUMING THE VENEZUELAN ATTACHE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

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